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Dear Mr. Tepling,

The terms of your letter of 11/29 are quite satisfactory. I have already sent my travel schedule to Mr. Berger, who was kind enough to call me. He said he will meet my plane. Unless there is need to stop over in Chicago, in which event I'll phone, I'll be there early on the 11th..

The pictures I have are enlargements, mounted on stiff backing. I have not yet had an opportunity to have slides made. As soon as things quiet down after the appearance of the new book, I shall, but not before my appearance. Before a large audience, these pictures will serve no purpose. Before a small one, ~~in~~ they will be adequate. In their present form they are intended for TV use.

I'm afraid I'll have to develop the vanity expected of authors. I have no supply of pictures of myself and no prepared biographical material. I'll get pictures to you in tomorrow's mail, one way or another. I have two here, one holding one of our geese, hardly the most appropriate, and the other a souvenir of an interview with a very stimulating man, a descendant of "Big Four" Orlando. A local paper took some several days ago. I'll first try and get them to mail some. If they cannot you'll get these two (if possible, when you are finished, I'd like the one without the goose returned). To the biographical material on the back cover of WHITEMAN, perhaps you can add that it was the first book on the subject, the one that laid the basis of credibility for those that followed, and that my personal radio and TV appearances also opened these media to this subject. They have been extensive, exotic (like transcontinental broadcasts by phone for two hours beginning at 2 a.m. our time!) and continue. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I have become a successful small publisher, perhaps the country's smallest, while continuing to research and write, with my second book on this subject, the first coming from the hitherto secret files, due to be published 12/7! on this, for reasons I'll explain when I am out there, I'd appreciate no reference ~~to~~ until the 7th. This is another private printing, but I am hopeful of a hardback contract in the near future.

Contacted the local paper by ~~XXXXXX~~ phone. They'll send pictures tomorrow or Saturday.

I'll be prepared to discuss both books. The content of the new one is, I think, even more shocking.

Thank you and the others very much for the additional efforts you are making. It is both helpful and comforting that people are willing to help and do try.

If there is any other need to get in touch with me, I'll be away from Dundee morning, 12/4, until sometime 12/8. We'll both be home until I leave 12/11, early a.m. If the phone does not get answered, we are off for short essential errands and one will return soon.

PS. If your bookstore wants copies of the new book, it will be faster if they order from the printer, Merkle Press, 810 R.I. Ave., ne 852-6420, Harold Weisberg Mr. Delancey.

Sincerely,